

Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Marvin Gerlach assisted U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) agents with the investigation of an illegal wolf kill in Illinois during the 2011 Illinois deer season. Interviews were conducted in Michigan and Illinois which resulted in the admission of the illegal taking of the wolf in Illinois and recovery of the wolf.

CO Marvin Gerlach investigated a depredation complaint on a Menominee County dairy farm. It appears that wolves attacked one of the cattle on the farm causing severe enough injuries that the cow had to be put down.

CO Grant Emery stopped an ORV for riding double in Gogebic County. While talking with the subjects, CO Emery observed that the ignition switch had been removed and all of the decals removed from the ORV. A check of the VIN # revealed that the ORV was stolen out of Wisconsin. The subject was lodged for the felony possession of the stolen ORV.

CO Marvin Gerlach stopped the driver of an ORV who was operating along a state highway and found his operating privileges were revoked. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Wicklund and Dave Painter patrolled the Michigamme Reservoir checking late afternoon anglers. One person was illegally camping on one of the islands, and as the COs approached the subject started to fish. Contact was made and the subject stated he wasn't fishing and that he was only casting a line out for his son. When the subject went to retrieve his identification, the COs observed handgun ammunition in his tackle box. When asked about the ammunition, the subject produced two handguns. Several violations were addressed and enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Leadman, Marvin Gerlach, and Elton Luce conducted a Lake Superior patrol for marine violations. They encountered a group illegally camping and possessing alcohol within the Little Presque Isle tract. The three subjects had come by boat from Wetmore's Landing in a small aluminum craft without any life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Elton Luce contacted and ticketed a non-resident angler after dark on Witch Lake. The subject had a nice mixed bag of bass, pike, walleyes, perch and bluegills. The subject did not have a valid fishing license and was also running his vessel after dark without navigation lights.

CO Mark Leadman and Sgt. Steven Burton worked the Republic Fishing Derby this weekend. Numerous boaters were either ticketed or warned for expired registrations, no life jackets and other marine safety violations.

DISTRICT 2

CO Kyle Publiski contacted a group of subjects fishing from shore. The subjects could only produce one fishing license. Further investigation revealed that one of the subjects was listed as a national security risk. US Border Patrol responded to the scene and eventually cleared the subject from any current concern. In the end tickets were issued for no fishing licenses.

In another fish check CO Publiski arrested a subject on several warrants. The warrants were misdemeanor warrants for driving while license suspended, malicious destruction of property and felony warrants on several counts of contempt of court.

CO Kevin Postma received several complaints of subjects illegally selling fish in Sault Ste. Marie. An investigation was conducted involving surveillance and the assistance of the Special Investigative Unit. At the end of the day the subject was caught making a sale of salmon and also gave a full confession. The illegal fish were seized and a ticket was issued.

CO Jeff Panich was working the Mackinac Island Yacht races when a 44 foot yacht broke loose from anchor in the harbor and started to drift toward other yachts. CO Panich was able to secure a line onto the wayward yacht and keep it from hitting other yachts until more help arrived. Assisted by the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) and some bystanders, the vessel was finally safely secured in the harbor. Due to the quick response by CO Panich no one was hurt and there was no property damage to the drifting yacht or other nearby yachts. COs also made arrests for unregistered watercraft and drug and alcohol offenses.

CO Mike Hammill was on routine marine patrol when he encountered an angler who became very nervous upon contact. The subject showed the CO his fish in a wire basket, but when asked if there were any more fish on board he became a bit flustered. Further investigation revealed a short bass hidden under his seat. The fish was seized and a ticket was issued.

COs from the area contacted several people along a local river who were throwing their empty beer cans into the woods along the river. In all cases, the litterbugs were ticketed.

CO Robert Crisp observed a subject leaving an area of state and private land with a load of firewood. When asked, the subject stated he cut the wood on his own land. CO Crisp then continued on the road and found that the wood had been cut on someone else's land and on state land. When contacted again, the subject confessed to cutting

the wood without permission of the landowner. The landowner was advised and charges are pending for the larceny of several loads of firewood.

DISTRICT 3

While patrolling Lake Michigan, COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert checked a fishing boat whose occupants had undersized lake trout in their possession. A ticket was issued.

CO Eric Bottorff responded to a complaint where a subject was burning the remains of a house that was torn down and during a no burn period. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Carl Vanderwall and John Sklba issued multiple fishing without licenses tickets. Both COs encountered subjects who stated they had purchased fishing licenses, but forgot to bring them. One stated he was sure he bought it about a week ago. Radio checks confirmed that fishing licenses were never purchased. Tickets were issued.

CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint that while three girls were fishing, a seagull took their bait and got hooked in the process. The seagull swam away and pulled their rod and reel off the dock and into deep water. CO Erratt took a kayak out and was able to capture the gull and retrieve the rod and reel. The hook was removed from the gull and rod and reel returned to the girls. The gull flew away after the incident.

CO Carl Vanderwall and Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded to a missing swimmer call on Lake Michigan near Cross Village. The subject had been swimming near a drop-off and apparently got caught up in the significant waves. Both COs got on boats and searched for over three hours with other agencies. The Emmet County dive team eventually located the 17 year old subject, deceased, in eight feet of water.

CO Steve Speigl assisted local deputies with a drowning that happened at Sand Lake. CO Speigl had knowledge of the remote accesses to the lake, and had keys to locked gates on the state land surrounding the lake. He also provided transportation with his ORV to supporting agencies investigators.

CO Bill Webster received a call that a deer had been shot and upon arriving at the scene the complainant showed CO Webster blood in his field. After a short investigation CO Webster received a confession from the neighbor that he was tired of the deer getting into his garden so he shot the deer. Charges have been filed with the prosecutors office.

CO Mark DePew watched three anglers trolling well after midnight. When they arrived at shore they were ticketed for having a short bass and walleye and operating a vessel without navigation lights.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sam Koscinski responded to a complaint from Mitchell State Park of subjects walking two young raccoons on a leash through the campground. Adjacent campers were concerned that children were allowed contact with the raccoons and subjected to the possibility of being bitten. CO Koscinski's investigation determined that an adult registered at the campsite had taken the wild raccoons from a location downstate and decided to bring them along on their vacation. The subject claimed she possessed a Wildlife Rehabilitator Permit. A record check determined that her statements were false. The raccoons were seized and enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a marine patrol of Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell, CO Sam Koscinski observed a subject fishing along the canal that separates the two lakes. Upon observing the CO, the subject promptly gave his fishing pole to another subject and took off toward his vehicle. CO Koscinski tied off his boat and tracked down the angler just prior to him leaving the area in a van. When stopped, the subject stated he was just going to buy a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a complaint of a subject shooting at geese near Saint Mary's Lake. The subject was contacted and quickly admitted to shooting up in the air to scare the geese off the beach area behind his cottage. Further questioning resulted in the admission that he "might" have shot in the direction of the geese and possibly hit one of them. The deceased goose was recovered and a ticket was issued for the illegal taking of a Canada Goose.

CO Steve Converse was first on the scene of a report of injuries sustained when two subjects attempted to slide down a large sand hill along the Pine River in a canoe. CO Converse responded to the remote location and with assistance of other first responders, administered CPR to one of the occupants who had been ejected from the canoe and struck a tree stump at the river's edge. Despite the intense efforts to provide life support by the officers, the subject succumbed to his injuries.

CO Carla Soper checked three subjects fishing for salmon on Lake Michigan near Manistee, and who had 13 salmon onboard the boat. When asked for their fishing licenses, only two were able to provide All Species licenses. The third subject had not purchased the proper license to keep trout or salmon. The unlicensed subject admitted to catching two salmon while another onboard stated that he caught six of the fish. Three of the salmon were seized and tickets were issued for not having an All Species license and for an overlimit of salmon.

While working a patrol on Lake Michigan, CO Carla Soper checked two subjects fishing for salmon. When asked for licenses, the male subject onboard held up his fishing license for himself and held up his deer license for his wife. CO Soper used her binoculars and was able to see that one of the "alleged" licenses was actually a kill tag for a deer. The embarrassed unlicensed subject was issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

A joint plain clothes patrol was conducted by DNR conservation officers, U. S. Forest Service (USFS) law enforcement officers and local deputies. The patrol targeted illegal activities being committed along the Pere Marquette River by persons floating on tubes, canoes and kayaks. Numerous subjects were contacted and tickets were issued for littering, possession of marijuana and recreational trespass.

CO Jeff Ginn contacted a couple of subjects fishing along the Muskegon River. The subjects asked CO Ginn where a good spot to catch trout would be and the CO pointed them in the right direction. Several hours later CO Ginn ran into the same men fishing in a different location. When CO Ginn checked their catch, he located four undersized trout. The men stated they hadn't been checked in years and never thought they would be checked twice in one day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn was contacted by Newaygo Central Dispatch while off duty. Two subjects called 911, claiming to be lost somewhere in Newaygo County and had gotten their vehicle stuck. They called 911 for a wrecker but could not provide a location. CO Ginn was linked to talk with the men and they described the area they had been operating in and the two-tracks they had taken. CO Ginn was able to explain to the dispatcher where and how to get to the men. A wrecker was dispatched and the subjects were located.

CO Troy Mueller was patrolling Silver Lake Sand Dunes and observed a motorcycle operating at an excessive speed in a 25 mph zone with his helmet tipped back on his head like a baseball cap. CO Mueller contacted the operator who claimed it was too hot to wear a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells issued several tickets while patrolling Silver Lake Sand Dunes, including no eye protection, possession of alcohol on the dunes and located a vehicle parked outside of the boundary area. CO Wells investigated the area and located the owner who entered the dunes from private property. Enforcement action was also taken on the illegal entry.

DISTRICT 5

CO Matt Liestenfeltz was called to a complaint of a fawn wandering around a neighborhood with a scarf around its neck. CO Liestenfeltz located the fawn and was able to remove the scarf. The investigation led CO Liestenfeltz to a nearby resident who had taken the fawn from the wild and raised it in an enclosure at his residence without a permit.

CO Brian Olsen checked a subject fishing on an inland lake who claimed he wasn't catching anything. A subsequent check of his live well produced an undersized pike. A ticket was issued.

CO Brian Olsen responded to a lost person complaint. The subject was lost in the woods and had called 911 for help. The cell phone GPS coordinates led CO Olsen to the subject and he was able to lead him out of the woods.

CO Brian Olsen and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez responded to an ORV injury accident. The subject had lost control of his motorcycle and hit a tree, suffering multiple broken bones. CO Olsen assisted in getting the motorcycle and related equipment out of the woods.

CO Warren MacNeill investigated a litter complaint where a large quantity of household debris had been dumped on public land. The names in the trash led to a subject who had been hired by a real estate company to clean a house. The subject did so by dumping the garbage in the woods.

CO Warren MacNeill responded to a distress call on Lake Huron where a 40 foot boat had lost power in high winds and was steadily drifting toward Canada. CO MacNeill assisted the vessel to safety.

CO Jon Warner assisted in the search for a breaking & entering suspect who had fled on foot. CO Warner located the individual a few blocks away sleeping in the bed of a homeowner's pickup truck. CO Warner took the subject into custody and turned him over to the investigating police agency.

CO Jon Warner was patrolling Cooke Pond when he received information that a boat was on fire somewhere on the lake. CO Warner was able to locate the burning vessel but, unfortunately, the vessel could not be saved and sank. CO Warner assisted the boat's occupants in getting to safety.

COs Jason McCullough and Steve Lockwood assisted in an ORV injury accident. The subject had been operating in a prohibited area on state land when he crashed. He was given medical attention and a ticket for illegal operation.

CO Jason McCullough checked two anglers in a boat who had 20 fish over their limit. They were short one PFD and one subject did not have a fishing license. Tickets were issued.

DISTRICT 6

CO Joel Lundberg was on patrol when he stopped a suspicious vehicle on state land. The driver was dressed in camouflage clothing and had camouflage paint on his face. There was a large baggie of marijuana on the passenger seat and a backpack with a shovel and fertilizer on the floor. After an interview with the driver, the subject admitted he just got done checking his illegal marijuana plants he was growing on state land. The CO found the growing area and seized a number of plants. The case is being turned over to the prosecutor for warrants.

While on patrol, CO Joel Lundberg found an illegal early bear bait on state land. The CO set up a camera on the illegal bait and identified eight individuals baiting and running hounds for bear from the bait location. Tickets were issued to multiple subjects for the violations.

CO Jay Person assisted the Midland Police Department with a body recovery on the Tittabawassee River. A male and female had an argument the night before at one of the boat launches on the river. The female walked off and was not heard from again. The body was spotted from the top deck of a paddlewheel boat approximately 20 hours after the incident.

CO Ken Lowell came across a large pile of garbage that was dumped on state land and evidence in the litter led CO Lowell to a possible suspect. It turns out that a father asked his son to take the garbage to the dump and gave him the money to pay for it. The son decided he would rather keep the money and thought it would be a cheaper way to get rid of the garbage.

CO Seth Rhodea was contacted by a local deputy who told CO Rhodea he had information about a couple of geese being shot by a father and his daughter. Through the information, CO Rhodea contacted the father and questioned him about killing the geese. At first he denied shooting any geese but eventually the subject admitted that both he and his daughter each shot a goose. Both parties were ticketed for taking a goose out of season and also received several warnings for additional violations.

CO Seth Rhodea continues to contact ORVs being operated in violation of state laws on the roads in Sanilac County. Tickets are often issued for failing to license ORVs and failing to wear helmets on ORVs as well as other safety violations.

COs Phil Hudson, Nick Atkin and a local deputy conducted a patrol on the Rifle River targeting littering and other violations. The officers encountered multiple subjects littering and multiple minors in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken on all violations.

COs Phil Hudson and Jason Smith, along with a local deputy, assisted the US Coast Guard (USCG) with the search of four missing anglers on Saginaw Bay. Officers searched through the night until daylight without success. The missing boaters were all found alive and safe by the USCG shortly after sunrise.

DISTRICT 7

COs Andy Bauer, Steve Mooney and Sgt. Zach Doss patrolled Lake Michigan near the Indiana/Illinois/Michigan state line targeting illegal fishing and charter boat operation in Michigan waters. The patrol led to four fish related arrests, one marine arrest and one unlicensed charter boat which was operating in Michigan waters. A warrant is being sought for the illegal charter boat operation.

CO Gary Raak investigated a fire that burned four acres of state land in the Middleville SGA. A juvenile admitted responsibility for lighting fireworks with a group of friends which then got out of control. Enforcement action was taken and charges will be submitted with a request for restitution for suppression costs.

CO Chris Holmes was checking anglers on the Kalamazoo River when he overheard the sheriff's department dispatch deputies to a car accident a mile away from his location. The driver had crashed his car and fled the scene. CO Holmes was the first officer on scene of the accident and obtained a suspect description from witnesses. CO Holmes radioed the direction of travel to responding units. CO Holmes looked for the suspect and apprehended him entering the woods along the Kalamazoo River in the same location where he had just checked anglers. The suspect who was highly intoxicated was turned over to local law enforcement and lodged in the county jail.

CO Chris Holmes was summoned by Ft. Custer park rangers to respond to a campsite where several subjects had run on foot when park staff made contact with them. Upon further investigation, CO Holmes found the subjects were minors in possession of alcohol and marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes was following up on a complaint of suspicious night time activity in the Gourdneck SGA when he encountered a vehicle parked at an access site late one night. He found the occupants in the vehicle in possession of marijuana and open intoxicants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten conducted a joint patrol with the USCG on Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan one evening to target marine and alcohol violations. The patrol concluded with numerous contacts and two persons ticketed for minors in possession of alcohol.

CO Dave Rodgers conducted surveillance of several boats fishing in the Grand River near Grand Rapids one evening. He determined one boat had improper registration numbers affixed to it and a check of the registered owner indicated he did not have a fishing license. Upon contacting the angler, he found the subject had no fishing license, no PFDs and undersized pike on board the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

After watching several people fishing, CO Dave Rodgers contacted the anglers and identified himself. One subject denied fishing or catching any fish even though CO Rodgers had witnessed the taking. CO Rodgers was able to locate both bass and catfish caught by the subjects. One subject was ticketed for fishing without a license and arrested on an outstanding warrant. During continued checks of the area, CO Rodgers contacted a subject and ticketed him for a fishing violation and arrested him as a parole absconder. CO Rodgers ticketed several others during this patrol for fishing without licenses.

CO BJ Goulette received information via a 911 call of a subject shooting deer. A deputy initially responded to the scene to await the arrival of CO Goulette and gather initial information. After several contacts and interviews it was determined that a property

owner with a valid summer deer damage kill permit had allowed a non-designated shooter to take a deer on this permit. Further it was determined this shooter trespassed to a neighboring property and killed the deer within the safety zone of the neighbor's residence. CO Goulette took enforcement action against the shooter for an illegal taking of a deer and notified DNR Wildlife Division personnel of the violation.

Area Conservation Officers continue to patrol and give stepped up enforcement to Grand Haven State Park in response to problems related to alcohol violations and heavy user traffic this summer. COs ticketed an additional 21 people during the past two weeks for possession of alcohol in the state park and minors in possession of alcohol violations.

During a patrol of Grand Haven State Park, CO Steve Orange and Sgt. John Jurcich contacted three subjects grilling near the beach. An inquiry led to the discovery of beer and whiskey in the subjects' cooler and a ticket was issued for the violation. A pit bull dog was tied to the subject's vehicle and numerous bags and containers were observed in the vehicle. During a file check of the subject being ticketed, it was determined he was wanted on a felony drug distribution warrant. A Grand Haven public safety officer was requested and responded to the scene. The investigation concluded with all three subjects being wanted on warrants, marijuana found in the vehicle, the pit bull dog removed from the scene and one person consuming alcohol and in possession of marijuana in violation of his probation terms. Two of the three subjects were lodged at the county jail with charges pending on the third. Tickets were issued for alcohol offenses.

DISTRICT 8

COs Kyle Bader, Derek Miller, Jeff Goss and Shane Webster worked a group marine patrol at the second annual Hotboat Rally on Marble Lake. There was a good initial turnout, with well over 100 boats beached on the island, but impending thunderstorms sent everyone home early. Toward the end of the night, COs Bader and Goss noticed something floating in the middle of the lake. Upon closer investigation, they realized it was a person holding on to a large cooler. His friends had marooned him on the island. When he drank all his beer, he decided to try swimming to mainland with his empty cooler. The COs picked him out of the water less than halfway to the mainland and dropped him off on the mainland where he met up with his "friends."

CO Kyle Bader handled two separate complaints of lake property owners discouraging Canada geese from spending time in their manicured yards with air rifles. Both subjects admitted to the allegations and CO Bader's investigation indicated that no geese had actually been shot.

CO Kyle Bader issued two tickets to individuals fishing without licenses; both said they knew they needed a license, but just hadn't gotten around to getting one. One subject had a suspended driver's license, but drove to the fishing location. He was advised that he should not drive home as he drank a substantial amount of beer in the time it took

CO Bader to return to his truck and write the two tickets. The angler said he would call someone for a ride, but he had no phone, so CO Bader turned over the information to the local police agency and the subject was lodged.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a complaint of someone collecting Mallard ducklings and taking them home. The CO was unable to locate the subject when he arrived at the complaint; however, two subjects who were fishing nearby were ticketed for fishing without licenses.

CO Damon Owens completed approximately eight detailed condemnation hearings in the Jackson Court Building. CO Owens was able to articulate the reasons for the items being seized. They were used in the process of committing wildlife violations. The court found that in each case that the equipment should be forfeited to the department for condemnation. The equipment included: illegal tree stands removed from state land, firearms used in the illegal taking of deer and illegal traps set within Jackson County.

CO Daniel Prince conducted marine patrols on Livingston County lakes over the weekend. CO Prince was making his last checks for the evening and observed two men fishing at the Appleton Lake access site. Both subjects were fishing without fishing licenses and one of the subjects had two misdemeanor warrants out of Westland. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster checked a local fishing bridge and observed several juveniles fishing. A check of their fishing bucket revealed one "keeper" as the youngsters put it. Unfortunately the fish was a 12" largemouth bass. An education was given on size limits and fish identification and the bass was released back into the water.

CO Shane Webster checked a vessel returning to the launch after fishing. An adult male and two young kids were on board and CO Webster noted the boat was unregistered. Further checks of the vessel revealed there was only one PFD on board. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster and Todd Thorn patrolled the Grand River in Ingham and Eaton Counties. The COs checked a fishing vessel with a father and three young children. The check revealed there were no PFDs on board the vessel. The operator was advised as to the endangering of young lives by being without the proper safety equipment and enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers along the banks of the Grand River, CO Todd Thorn located two men who were passed out in their vehicle, along with open containers of alcohol. CO Thorn woke the individuals and, after investigating the situation, they were told to find a ride home. After waiting with the men for approximately twenty minutes, their ride showed up. CO Thorn spoke with the driver of the vehicle that had just arrived and could smell the odor of intoxicants on her breath. The female consented to a breathalyzer which indicated her blood alcohol level was well over the legal limit. She was arrested and taken to jail.

CO Todd Thorn swore to two warrants on charges sought against a man who had shot and fatally wounded a turkey vulture in the spring. The charges were for shooting within a safety zone and hunting/taking a protected animal.

CO Rich Nickols received a Report-All Poaching (RAP) complaint of a juvenile who was injured in an ORV accident and the accident was not reported. The injuries were minor and follow-up is continuing with all parties involved.

CO Derek Miller assisted with an overturned sailboat in Lenawee County. The boat had several children on board but they were all wearing PFDs. CO Miller assisted the boat passengers while they were in the water making sure their lines were clear so they could upright the boat. They were able to turn the boat over and bail the water out to get to shore.

DISTRICT 9

While responding to a complaint, CO Linda Scheidler was being tailgated on I-69 through Flint. The truck then abruptly changed lanes without a turn signal and passed the CO on the right and accelerated. The CO paced the vehicle for nearly a mile as it was traveling 85 mph and faster and weaving in and out of traffic. CO Scheidler stopped the vehicle and the operator admitted to the reckless operation stating he was in a hurry. He also commented that he drives for a living and a ticket would cost him dearly. Enforcement action was still taken.

CO Linda Scheidler received a complaint of subjects who had trapped a skunk and had it in a cage in their living room. When the CO responded to the address, she realized she was recently at the same residence a few weeks prior for the same subjects in possession of two fawns. The CO contacted the subjects and they admitted to having it for a short time but released it because it smelled up the house.

CO Todd Szyska was in court regarding a subject he arrested for urinating in public. The subject pled guilty to disorderly. In another case involving a subject shooting squirrels out of season in his back yard over bait, the subject pled guilty to take/attempt to take squirrels out of season. His firearm was condemned and he lost his hunting privileges for one year.

CO Ken Kovach received a complaint from Wildlife Division personnel in the Lapeer SGA of a reckless operator who almost hit an employee on a tractor while the employee was grading a parking area. The employee was able to identify the subject and get a license plate off the vehicle. CO Kovach tracked the subject down and met with the juvenile and his father. The juvenile apologized to the employee and offered to rake out the parking area and clean up garbage. No other enforcement action was taken. CO Mark Ennett took two Wildlife Division personnel to the Woodtick Peninsula by patrol boat. This location has become the scene of an increased amount of alcohol-related boating incidents in western Lake Erie. The purpose of the trip was to post appropriate warning signs at the location, which is part of the Erie SGA. The bad, but

expected news is that two days after posting the signs, most of them had reportedly become victims of vandalism.

CO Dan Walzak received a complaint from Pte. Mouillee workers of a subject operating motor vehicle on the dikes in the Pte. Mouillee SGA. The subject was located on the North Dike past signs that state, "Authorized Vehicles Only". The subject claimed that he was excited at the view and didn't take time to read the posted signs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon was checking anglers along the shoreline of Belle Isle at the Detroit River. Upon contact with one angler, he stated that he had failed to obtain his license to fish. The angler was advised that he needed a license to fish and a request was made to see his credentials. Upon receipt of the angler's identification he was informed that he would be ticketed for fishing without a license. The angler asked that he be allowed to keep his fishing line in the water until such time as the completed issuance of the ticket. At the completion of issuing the ticket, the angler removed his line from the water and stated he did not mind paying for the violation, because he had just received his pay check.

CO Brandon Kieft was conducting a marine patrol on Lake Oakland when he observed a PWC operating at a high rate of speed through a slow, no-wake canal. While stopping the PWC, CO Kieft did not observe any MC numbers or registration decals on the vessel. When the operator was questioned about the MC numbers for the PWC, he was quick to point them out. However, the MC numbers and registration were backwards, submerged under the water line, and expired since 2004. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska conducted a marine patrol on Lake St. Clair with Intern Chris Brown, focusing efforts on the shipping channel, as walleye are being taken in good numbers. Several vessels/anglers were checked while on patrol. CO Szyska issued tickets to two different subjects for fishing without licenses. One of the subjects also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Detroit for fishing without a license. The angler was not able to post bond and the warrant was valid; however, the arresting agency was unable to pick up. The subject was released.

CO Al Schwiderson and Sgt. Tom Wanless were on a marine patrol on the Holloway Reservoir when they observed a person being towed on a wakeboard by a large vessel. As the COs closed in on the vessel, they could not see two persons. The skier wiped out and the vessel stopped to pull the subject in. The COs made contact and confirmed there was no observer on board. Though both the operator and the skier had years of experience waterskiing, they both admitted they did not know they needed an observer. Enforcement action was taken.